# WHY MEN AND WOMEN SIN -By the Reverend Arthur J. Smith

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# EVOLUTION OF THE BIBLE—By the Reverend L. H. Dorcheste

## **EXTRACTS FROM SUNDAY SERMONS** PREACHED IN ST. LOUIS PULPITS. :

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"Men and women sin, first of all, because they cannot help it. Man • is a sinner by nature. He was born in sin. This is taught in many . places in the Bible. The most natural thing for an unregenerated man or woman to do is to sin. There are some men and women who have • yielded to Satan so often and have fallen so low that they would rather • ♦ live in sin than a pure and hely life."—The Reverend Doctor Arthur ♦

### SAYS BIBLE IS A WORK OF GRADUAL EVOLUTION.

"Whatsover things are just'—conformed to the truth. The unjust Judge is commended because he sought for himself a surcease from oare and not for the justice rendered in his decisions.

The Reverend Doctor L. H. Dorchester preached yesterday morning at the Lindell Avenue M. E. Church on the "Evolution of the Bible." His text was Heb. I. 2: "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, bath in these hist days spoken unto us by his Son." He said, in part:

"The Bible is not a ready-made book to the care of the church of God, who are sundry made book to the care of the church of God, who are sundry made book." If there be any virtue. Christian courage, fortifude, zeal for the church of God, the cause of Christ Bravery to speak and to act in defense of Christianity, loyalty to the church milliant.

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"In viewing a picture, mountains represented as miles away are on the same sented as miles away are on the same canvas as houses and trees that are close at hand. We are accustomed to perspective in pictures; historical perspectives should be observed in reading the Bible discriminating, between the different epochs to get the proper view of the accounts given. How mijust it would be for us who have steam and electricity to blame people of a century ago for slow transit when they had only siagecoaches! There are also divers manners in the difference in the religious equipments in the bundry times of black in the sundry times of the sundry times of black in t

and under divine guidance interpreted their religious significance, while the great moral laws he gave Israel he received from Jahovah in the holy moont. The book of revelation is an apocalypse. John was a mystic, Ezeklel a dreamer, David a poet and Solomen a kind of biblical Benjamin Franklin. But in all the history, poetry, allegory, prophecy and variety of biblical literature, there is an unmistakable unity in revealing the will of God.

"Like building the great European cathedrals, requiring centuries of time and many generations of workmen, all cooperating toward a definite end to carry out the architect's plans, so the various Bible authors in different ages and with different affits wrote as they were moved by the Divine Spirit, and the unity of spirit and teaching in their productions attests the statement that it was God who, at sundry times and in divers manners, spake' through them and superintended their work.

"There is marked progress throughout the Bible revelation. He who spoke in the early days by the prophets in the last days gave a larger revelation by his son. Divine revelation is divine accommodation, imparting to man as fast as he can receive it. The race, as a whole, develops as does the individual, from childhood to manhood. Studies for beginners are different than for maturer minds. The Mosale ritual and sacrifices were a kind of religious kindergarien for the race in its childhood period, illustrating and pointing to the truth which was fully revealed in Jesus Christ and Calvary.

"With the gradual unfolding of the truths of revelation came the improvement in manys receptive capacity, the sharpening of his moral sense, and the opening of his heart to divine communications. The progressive nature of revelation requires that the last utterances shall be the test of the teachings of the Bible on any subject.

In nature and revelation God works by the same great law of evolution. The seed of promise given in Eden germinated slowily, swelling on through the age of the patriarchs, coming to

### INFLUENCE OF CHRISTIAN LIFE HELPS MANKIND.

The Rev. W. B. Van Valkenburgh Preaches I pon the Transform-

ing Power of Thought. The Reverend W. P. Van Valkenburgh

preached at the Tuxedo Methodist Epis-copal Church yesterday morning on the transforming power of thought, selecting for his text: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things

are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoeyer things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there any praise, think on these things."-Phil. iv. 8.

He said, in part: "Paul here, after graphically picturing teristic virtues of the Christian man for the benefit of the Philippian mind, ex-horts them to think, to think definitely, to

horts them to think, to think definitely, to think with an object in view; to 'think of these chings.'

Whatsoever things are true' Not abstract terms are wanted; give your definition in the concrete, clothe it in human form. Pliate asks, 'What is truth'?
But Christ did not answer. He, the embodiment of all truth, stood before him. I am the way, the truth and the life.

Whatsoever things are honest honor-

to the church militant.

"If there be any praise." Are you praised? says Paul. I peaks you not. Do you stand worthy of recognition by a Gody community for your consistent and virtuous life-ire you praised. Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the ranging of your minds. (Paul). As a man thinketh in his heart to he is. The worth of Christian thinking: thought is transforming in its nature; it re-creates. The power of thought, close, consecutive thought, has solved mysling: thought is transforming in its nature; it re-creates. The power of thought, close, consecutive thought, has solved mysteries, demonstrated problems of science and philosophi materialized inventions, and to-day controls the industries and innes of a universe. How and of what should we think? Properly directed, thought brings to us not only temperal blessings, but as well a large share in all the spiritual graces of the divine nature and life.

Can we not exalt our manner of think-"Can we not exalt our manner of thinking, just as we can our manner of living?
or, rather, can of we exalt our manner
of living by our manner of thinking? How
many are dependent upon others to do
their thinking for them? See how largely the politician depends upon the newspaper for the forming of public sentiment
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"The church of to-day needs men capable of thinking: of thinking not only for themselves, but men who are also qualified to wrestle with the deep things of God. Those who are interested in God's plan of salvation, in human redemption, in the fearful penalizes of sin as visited upon the transgressers of the divine law, as well as the results of the fall to posterity.

all charitable institutions, and all evangelical effort is first conceived, planned and executed in the mind whether only in imagination, as air castles, to be lost in wild and welrd speculations, or whether as the practical monuments of the nobility and saintliness, the sagacity and the ingenuity of some nobleman. Edison in his study is a more potent factor in the scientific world than a thousand workmen with spade and loom and forge.

"So the influence of a Christian life, lived along gospel lines thought out upon the divine plan, does more to elevate the lives of men than much shallow talk and loud profession. "Give the church thinking men and woman, students who have been educated in the deep things of God, and whose largest aspirations are for the furtherance of his kingdom upon earth—men and women who are educated, trained to think for themselves—and you have then turned loose upon society and in the church of God a force for good the results of whose lives eternity alone can reveal."

### **GIVES REASONS WHY MEN** AND WOMEN COMMIT SIN.

Reverend Doctor Arthur Smith Says Perverted Human Nature In-clines to Evil.

The Reverend Arthur J. Smith, who is onducting evangelistic services at North Presbyterian Church, preached on "Why



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Men and Women Sin" at the service last night. He said, in part:
"Perhaps there is nothing in this world in which man believes more firmly than he does in the fact of sin. He may doubt the inspiration of the Bible, the deity of Jesus Christ and even have his doubts about the existence of a God, but he be-

"Sin is not a flaw in a man's nature. mistake that he may make a misdemeanor. Sin is a transgression of God's law, a failure to do God's will, a debt unpaid. In the first epistle of John, the fifth chapter and the seventh verse, we are told that 'all unrighteousness is sin.' The hiss of a

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### **BISHOP OF COLORADO DELIVERS "FLOWER SERMON"**

The Right Reverend C. S. Olmsted Speaks of "The Unity of Man and Nature."

According to the wish of the late Henry Phaw, founder of Shaw's Garden, that a "flower sermon" be preached on the day that that part of the garden in which



RT. REVEREND C. S. OLMSTED, D.D., Bishop of Colorado, who delivered the an-nual "Flower Sermon" at Christ Church Cathedral yesterday.

choice flowers are raised is thrown open to the public, the Right Reverend C. S. Olmsted, D. D., Bishop of Colorado, delivered "The Flower Sermon" at Christ's Church Cathedral yesterday.

Bishop Oimsted is one of the best known ministers in the Episcopal Church and has ministers in the apiscopal Church and has the reputation of being one of the most eloquent speakers and finished literary scholars in the country. A large congregation listened to his sermon.

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The doctrine of signatures which, among the Rosicrucians, was a vital one, and the translated but the translation of the same that it is the translation of the same that it contains a rare suggestion of verity.

"Man is in an indissoluble union with God, it matters not how he may strive to break the bond the union remains. It is a part and rarcel of his being, it is his being. It makes his life possible.

"Though we are in unity with God, still we are children of the sod, and to some minds the fact that we are of the earth earthy would argue against our being in unity with God, but is not nature an expression of the Supreme Being?

"Man is not lowered by his being in unity with God, but is not nature is made higher and it is this very unity with man and God which gives to nature that unspeakable dignity which is hers.

"We of the latter centuries five too fast. We are discontented and if we are not unhappy we are not happy. Too much time do we spend in the struggle for gold and silver and too little ah, too little among the blue hills and hoside the singing streams which have a magic with them that cleans our hearts and cures our ills. "Is there one of us who has been to the woods who does not hear sometimes upon the hot and roaring streets the clear call of nature to come to her and rest."

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### NEWS FROM THE PARISHES.

Large Athletic Gathering Expect-

ed at Nationalists' Picnic. The Irish Nationalists of St. Louis are arranging to give their annual picnic at the St. Louis Fair Grounds on Sunday,

Most Recent Studies, Declares the Supreme Pontiff. Have Restored Songs of Fathers to Primitive Purity.

New York, May 15 .- Any doubts that might have lingered as to the Pope's in-tention to insist on the enforcement of his reforms in Catholic Church music have been set at rest by the receipt here yester day of a new "Motu Peopirio" on the sub-ject, which is dated April 25. In it he announces that he is preparing an official edition of the music that must be used

1908," says the new decree, "and by the subsequent decree published at our order by the Congregation of Sacred Rites on fanuary & 1904, we restored to the Roman Catholic Church its ancient Gregorian chant, that chant which it has inherited from the fathers, which it has jealously guarded in its liturgical codices and which the most recent studies have very happily brought back to its primitive purity.

"But in order to complete, as is fitting. nish to our Roman church and to all the churches of the same rite the common text of the liturgical Gregorian melodie we have decreed to undertake with the

text of the fiturgical Gregorian melodies, we have decreed to undertake with the type of our Vatican printing office the publication of the liturgical books, containing the chart of the Holy Roman Church restored to us."

In the editing of the new books of chant the Pope says he prefers the system of the French Benedictine monks of the Abbay of Solesma, and, therefore, he gives them charge of the work.

After being revised by the special commission he has named, at the head of which is the Most Reverend Abbat Joseph Pothler, O. S. B., the books will be printed by the Vatican press.

The literary proprietorship will be "Reserved to the Holy See," but "to publishers and printers of every nation, who shall make the request, and who, upon definite cenditions, shall offer a sure guarantee of knowing how to carry out the work, we shall grant the favor of reproducing it freely."

"Thus, with God's heip," he concludes, "we confidently hope to be able to restore to the church the unity of its traditional chant in a manner corresponding to the service, the history, the art and the dignity of liturgical worship, so far, at least, as present studies permit."

### TRIED TO ROB THREE SAFES. Burglars Demolished Locks, but

Could Not Reach Treasure.

Patrolman Phillips and Emergency Special Patrolman Baldwin, in parsing the office of the Miller-Bruce stone quarry at No. 165 South Jefferson avenue last night noticed that the lights which they saw burning half an hour before were ex-

burning half an hour before were extinguished.

Examination showed that burglars had
entered the office and that three safes in
the place had been tampered with. The
combination dials and knobs had been
smashed, though no entrances had been
effected. An overturned bucket of water
on the floor testified to the recent and
hasty flight of the burglars.

The night watchman had been discharged on Saturday, as it was the intention of the company to close its works
for the summer to-day.

### MRS. HELEN SCHARLACH DEAD.

Had Been Resident of City for Forty-Eight Years. Helen Scharlach, widow of the late Doc

tor R. Scharlach, died yesterday after-noen, after a long illness, at her home, No. 434) Gano avenue.

Yrs. Scharlach was 69 years old. She

was borr in Germany, but came to this country when a young girl and had been a resident of St. Louis for forty-eight She was the mother of Fred R. Schar-lach of the Merrell Drug Company, and of Mrs. G. H. Bruckner and Mrs. George Ruithel. The burial will be at Mexico, Mo.

# MOTHER AND CHILD BURNED.

Fire From Kitchen Stove Ignites Girl's Clothing.

Lily Spitznagel, a 5-year-old daughter of Edward S. Spitznagel of No. 1319 January avenue, was severely burned yesterday afternoon, her clothing having caught from the kitchen range, where her mother was preparing dinner. The child's face and side were badly burned. Mrs. Spitmagel sustained painful burns about the hands in trying to put out the fire. Neither's condition is serious.

document unless the consent of the parints was secured Disheartened, the couple returned to East St. Louis. Miss Raney went to the

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Wiess Hotel at the Relay Depot. Friday they went to St. Louis, but were again refused a license and returned to East St. Louis.

Saturday they made another attempt to secure a license and went to Clayton. Their youth was also a bar at that town and they again returned to East St. Louis. William Huff, father of the prospective bridegroom, reading of his son's fruitless efforts to be married, left his home at Decatur and arrived at East St. Louis yesterday.

He met the couple at the hotel and went to the office of Marriage License Clerk Coughian and induced him to issue the paper. Returning to the hotel, the Reverend W. W. Edwards, paster of the Alta Sita Methodist Church, was summoned and performed the ceremony.

The three then departed for Decatur. As the bridal coups left the hotel they were showered with rice by the guests, many of whom witnessed the wedding.

Mrs. Lora E. Graham and William Jamison, another couple who had been refused a license at Clayton, returned to East St. Louis, where they were successful. They were married by Justice Hender,

# LOCAL ATHLETES ADMIRE

Ball Sport, and Marvels at durance of the Players.

Jai alai, the national game of Spain made quite an impression upon John C. Meyers, Bob Le Cron, George Deickman. Herman Mardorf and other local athletes. particularly handball, tennis and bareball players, who saw the game played at the fronton—court—at De Bailvlere and Kings-bury boulevards yesterday afternoon. The Americans went to see the game

doubting its attractiveness and worth as an athletic sport. They became enthu-siastic after watching the contests, and pronounced the sport a great and attractive athletic diversion Jai alai is much akin to handball, but seems to excel that game as far as base-

ball does corkball or croquet. It calls for more endurance than boxing, a better eye and throwing arm than baseball, and more speed of foot than association footand throwing arm than baseball, and more speed of foot than association football.

It is very exciting to see two players take ball after ball for ten minutes without a mistake. This part of the play resembles a game of "burn out" with a basebail, limagine Hans Wagner and Emmett Heidrick standing thirty yards apart and throwing to each other as hard as they can, each trying to make the other drop a ball. That gives an idea of how hard jai alai is.

The players at the local fronton are all Spaniards. They are not very tall, nor are they as imposing physically as the great American athletes of the diamond or football field. But they are wonderfully and artistically developed.

Jai alai seems to give the body grace and speed, rather than huge muscle and great strength. The Spaniards who play it are beautifully developed about the chest, arms, shoulders and legs. It seems to work toward building great shoulders and chests, reducing the stomach and developing caives and thighs.

The Spaniards say that the game is so hard upon the arm that five years is the average playing life of the experts. The head throwing eventually breaks down the muscles of the throwing arm—the rightin the shoulder, just as hard throwing breaks down the arm of the baseball pitcher.

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It was really wonderful to see the players toss the ball against the front wall and make it rebound 210 feet to the back wall. Then the ball would rebound forty feet in distance and twenty feet high. The returning player would then deftily catch it in his cesta, or bai, and repeat the performance, which was sometimes kept up for ten minutes.

In play the men are obliged to cover about forty square yards of court, running backwards, forwards and across. Each point played for calls for as much endurance as two prize fighters have to possess when they sing for all they are worth through a three-minute round.

In Spain and Cuba spectators bet on the games. In St. Louis there is no betting.

The players seem to be men of superior class. They all wear immense diamonds. Several of them have carbons which make "Baldy" Ryan's famous stones look like plate glass. They all play "mano pelota" or handball, very well. The ball in this game is as big as a baseball and slower than the American handball.

Says He Is Lost.

Michael Mission, Il years old, was found at the Salvation Army barracks yesterday, having lost his way. He says he arrived frem Columbus, O., on Saturday to visit his saunt, Mrs. George Gorman, but could not give his address. He said he was brought downtown by a strange man, who afferwards abandoned him.

Alleged Robbery Reported. T. G. Neals of Clay Center, Kan. who says he was robbed of E00 at a Market street rooming-house Saturday night, vesterday caused the arrest of Tom Minor and William Kane of No. 1706 Market

### FRUIT AND BREAKFAST-FOOD DIET SUFFICIENT FOR YOUNG COUPLE.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yost Live on Sixty Cents a Day, and Say That Their Health Is Improved by It-Husband Says Sensible Psons Mistreat Their Stomach.



MR. AND MRS. LOUIS TOST ue, whose combined actual living (food) expenses are only Of No. 226A Hamilton avenue, whose combined a 60 cents a day.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Yoet, living at No. 1828 Hamilton avenue, are perhaps the most frugal bride and bridegroom in the city of St. Louis, as they have, stoce their marriage, a few weeks ago, lived on 61 cents a day between them, which is 20 cents a day between them, which is 20 the strongest man in health."

Yet this style of living is 1829. of St. Louis, as they have, since of St. Louis against the strongest man in heart the strongest man in heart

to take up this mode of living. "and in fact for a long while. I have noticed that nine out of ten persons are forever complaining about their health and when asked what ails them they will answer that they do not know, but that they suppose that they are simply run down. Now this made me think. I knew that a person could not feel ill without good cause and I began to look for the cause of all these troubles. I did not have far to look, I soon learned that it was with their stomachs. It is a strange thing, but sensible people daily mistreat the most sensitive and important organ of the bodythe organ, which, if thrown out of gear, affects every other organ, "When I discovered the secret of all the trouble. I determined that I would avoid the fate that had befallen so many who were suffering from dyspepsia and other.

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# SPANISH GAME OF JAI ALAI. EIGHT BISHOPS

Five Will Be Elected to Take Places of Retired Ones-Three May Be Added.

# MAY TAKE VOTE WEDNESDAY.

More Than Thirty-Five Names Have Been Mentioned for the Positions-Delegates Take Sunday Rest.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 15.-To-day was welcomed by delegates to the Methodist General Conference as a day of rest, after a week of continuous sessions, either of the conference or of the various commit-

IN MILEO

While enough visiting Bishops and ministers volunteered their services to the Pulpit Supply Committee to fill every pulpit in the city and suburban towns at both morning and evening services, the great body of delegates rested and talked over the events of yesterday's session of

he conference. Sermons by the following Bishope were preached to-day: By H. W. Warren at Boyle Heights M. E. Church; Bishop D. H. Moore, Centennial M. E. Church; Bishop F. W. Warne, Boyle Heights, evening: Bishop H. J. Vincent, Vincent M. E. Church, where dedicatory ceremonies were held; Bishop

Vincent, Vincent M. E. Church, where dedicatory ceremonies were held; Bishop Earl Cranston, Blanchard's Hall; Bishop Joseph C. Hartzell, First M. B. Church, Fasadena.

All other Methodist pulpits in the city and many other denominations were occupied by visiting clergymen. At the First, M. E. Church, this city, Dector Joseph Berry led a large evangelistic mass meeting, and at Simpson's Auditorium Doctor Frank Mason North, George I. Bekman and J. W. Dashford made addresses to a large crowd.

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I fazard's Favilion was crowded to overnewing to listen to a sermin by Doctor Wedo's laws, fraternal delegate from the Mane plac Church in England, and at the same place of the Popting of the General Conference, the conference of ivory avenue and Courtois street last night in a spring wagon the wagon the delegates to-day. The general opinion of the delegates is that when the report is given out to-morrow morning, it will show a decided majority in favor of the report of the Episcopacy Committee recommending the retirement of Bishops Vincent, Walden, Andrews, Mallaileu and Foos.

The prompt and determined manner in which the subject was put through the conference pesterday, in the face of strong efforts to postpone definite action until Monday, was much commented upon. There are a certain number of delegates, especially among the laymen, who are disposed to criticles the manner in which the five aged Bishops were deprived of their high offices.

But the leaders seem to feel relieved that the most unpleasant duty of the conference, has been performed, and that the way is now clear to take up other presenting and

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place during the week. The day has not been decided upon, but it is generally believed it will be Wednesday or Thursday.

Other matters that will come before the conference this week are: Action of the Methodist Church upon divorce, consolidation of the various branches of the Book Concern, limiting the tenure of pastorates, placing the church of record in the matter of amusements, vis: Dancing, card-playing, theater-going, etc., and many other matters that have been brought up in memorials from different conferences.

The number of candidates for Bisbours.

TWO HUNDRED HENS BURNED. Fire Destroys Dwelling Occupied

by Jacob Shueegber. Two pigs, a dog and 200 hens were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the one-story frame dwelling of Jacob Shueegher, No. 3855 South Main street, last night, and the pig pen and hennery

in the yard.

Members of the Sineegher family were not at home when the fire started Most of the furniture was saved by neighbors, who ran to the fire as soon as the alarm was stunded. The blaze was discovered by Mrs. Bertha Schuler, living next door, who says that it originated in the pig CCB.

# BUGGY COLLIDES WITH CAR.

Carl Keeton and Edward Nieming Injured. Carl Keeton and Edward Nieming, both of No. 260 Blow street, while driving down Virginia avenue last night about o'clock, were run into by a Bellefontaine. car and thrown from their seats.

Keeton sustained a fractured breast bone

and several contusions about the head and body and Nieming's knees were injured. Hits Policeman With Brick.

While passing along Atlantic street yesterday morning. Patrolman Moynihan heard a pistol shot, apparently from No. 2011, and a negro near by said that John McGee, an occupant of the place, had fired it.

Moynihan went to the McGees', and began to search McGee for the pistol, when he was attacked by Mrs. McGee. A general fight followed, and, as the patrolomen hustled McGee out, Mrs. McGes struck him him with a brick. The McGees were finally arrested and a revolver, with an empty chamber, was found in the room.